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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/785,451	Applicant(s) BABJAK, JAMES	
	Examiner Alfred Joseph Wujciak III	Art Unit 3632	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 September 2005.
 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-8 and 11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-8 and 11 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This is the second non-final Office Action for the serial number 10/785,451, HANGER APARATUS, filed on 2/24/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 5-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, lines 3-4, "helix having a first coil and a second coil" is indefinite because the drawing only shows one coil. It should be changed to --- helix having coil with a first end of coil and a second end of coil---; claim 1, line 5, "first coil" should be changed to ---first end of coil---; claim 1, lines 8-9, "first coil and said second coil" should be changed to ---first end of coil and said second end of coil---; claim 1, lines 13-14, "first coil having a larger diameter than the second coil." should be changed to ---first end of coil having a larger diameter than the second end of coil."; claim 7, line 3, "first coil" should be changed to ---first end of coil---; claim 8, lines 6-7, 18 and 20, "a first coil and a second coil" should be changed to ---a first end of coil and a second end of coil---; claim 8, lines 10, 12 and 15, "said first coil" should be changed to ---said first end of coil---; claim 8, lines 11 and 16, "said second coil" should be changed to ---said second end of coil---.

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Claims 5-6 are rejected as depending on rejected claim 1. Claim 11 is rejected as depending on rejected claim 8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent # 5,383,259 to McIntire and in view of US Patent # 4,955,862 to Sepetka.

McIntire teaches a hanger apparatus (figure 2) comprising a helix (42) having a first end of coil and a second end of coil. The first end of coil includes engagement means (44) for receiving and holding a selected object. The hanger includes at least one coil intermediate the first end of coil and the second end of coil. The coils are forming in a frusto-conically tapered shape of helix having a hollow core. The first end of coil has a larger diameter than the second end of coil. The engagement means includes a hook depending from the first end of coil.

McIntire teaches the coils but fails to teach the coils are fabricated of a strand of material. Sepetka teaches the coils (38) are made of strand material (39, col. 5, lines 35-40). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified McIntire's coils with strand material as taught by Sepetka to increase flexible in the coils to provide convenience for adjusting the helix when inserting on an object.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The prior art fails to teach the first end of coil is received against the first side of the substrate and the second end of coil is received against the second side of the substrate.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5-8 and 11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Joseph Wujciak III whose telephone number is (571) 272-6827. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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Alfred Joseph Wujciak III

Examiner

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Joseph Wujciak III', with a stylized, overlapping flourish at the end.

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